

## 2017 Annual Water Quality Report

The 2017 Water Quality Report is now available.

Visit [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Water) to view the report to learn more about the sources and quality of your drinking water.

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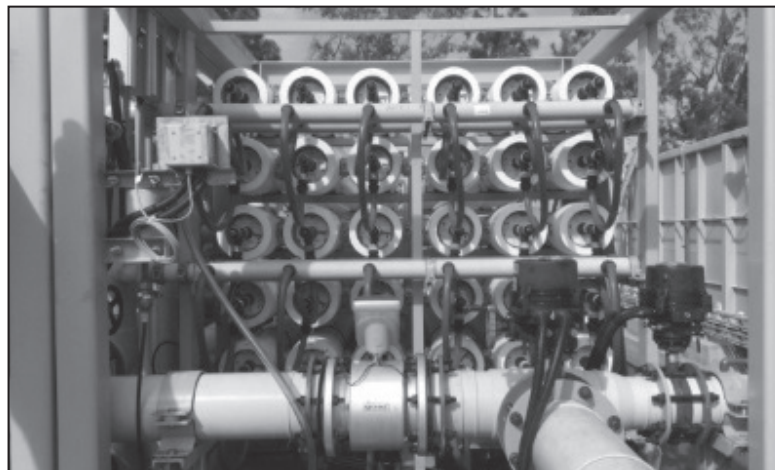


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## CITY RECEIVES \$10 MILLION GRANT FOR DESALINATION PLANT



The California Department of Water Resources granted the City \$10 million to offset the cost of reactivating the desalination plant.

The City was awarded a \$10 million grant by the California Department of Water Resources to offset the cost of reactivating the desalination plant. The plant is a permanent part of the City's water supply portfolio and has supplied water since May 2017. This grant will provide direct financial benefit to water customers and will ensure sufficient water to meet the community's needs.

During reactivation, state-of-the-art technology and design practices were incorporated to minimize electrical demand and environmental impacts. The Plant currently produces three million gallons of drinking water per day. This is equivalent to 3,125 acre-feet of water annually or about 30 percent of the City's demand.

"This grant provides a direct financial benefit to our customers," said City Water Resources Manager Joshua Haggmark. "Now in the 7th year of drought the cost of providing water service has risen dramatically to ensure sufficient water is available to meet the needs of the community. This grant will go a long way in helping to minimize the need for a large rate increase in the near future while providing much needed funding for water infrastructure."

## Upcoming Water Wise Classes!



**Rain Harvesting 101**  
Monday, May 7th



**Graywater 101**  
Tuesday, May 22nd

**Site Assessment 101**  
Tuesday, May 29th

All classes are scheduled from 7:00-8:30 pm at the Franklin Neighborhood Center located at 1136 E. Montecito St, Santa Barbara, CA 93103. Free parking available in adjacent lot.

A suggested donation of \$10/ person or \$15/couple can be made to Sweetwater Collaborative.

Classes are provided by Sweetwater Collaborative and sponsored in part by the City of Santa Barbara.

For more information visit [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Graywater](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Graywater)



## TUNE IN TO GARDEN WISE TV TO BE WATER WISE

A new episode of Garden Wise TV is now available to watch online: "Spring Gardening, Pest Control, and Hollywood Natives." In this episode learn to properly maintain your landscape, learn to combat pests organically, how to select the right plant for the right place, and learn the history and benefits of native Toyon. To learn more or watch past episodes visit [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/GardenWise](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/GardenWise).



Learn simple landscape maintenance actions in the latest episode of Garden Wise.

## DROUGHT CONDITION PERSISTS DESPITE MARCH RAINFALL



Winter rains were not enough to put the City on track for an average rainfall year.

Following one of the driest Februaries in California history, March rainstorms helped bolster the City's surface water supplies but were not enough to put the City on track for an average rainfall year. The City's small reservoir, Gibraltar, filled to capacity in March which will provide some supply to the City. However, Cachuma Reservoir is our key drought indicator and remains at 40% of capacity. The City remains in a Stage Three Drought condition and water conservation remains critical. For more information on drought planning visit [SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Drought](http://SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Drought).

## SCULPTURES INSTALLED ON STATE STREET

In a joint effort, the City and the Santa Barbara County Office of Arts and Culture have renewed the State of the Art Gallery, featuring sculptures mounted on eight designated sites along the State Street corridor. Each of the pieces offers a unique or interactive element and many are centered on celebrating Santa Barbara's culture, spirit and resilience.



Sculptures from eight different local artists are mounted on State Street.

Some of the sculptures symbolize growth and renewal, invoke thoughts about nature and our relationship to the environment or ask us to reflect on love and place. Others encourage healing, represent the common human experience or ask us to contemplate both the realism and surrealism in our built environment and how we occupy it.

First Thursdays in May and June will also feature activities on State Street. Other events planned with the artists and the exhibition, include pop-up lectures, studio tours, public demonstrations, readings, classes, concerts and workshops.

## AIRPORT 7/25 RUNWAY REHABILITATION PROJECT UNDERWAY



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The Airport has started work on its 7/25 runway rehabilitation project, which will remove the existing grooved surface, fill pavement cracks and add a new asphalt surface on the 6,052-foot main runway. The last time the main runway was resurfaced was in 2006.

Work on the first phase of the Federal Aviation Administration-funded rehabilitation will occur through May 25, and will require the runway be closed from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. The second phase of rehabilitation will occur June 10 through July 6 and require the runway to be closed from midnight to 6 a.m.

During the entire rehabilitation period, the 5:30 a.m. United Airlines departure flight to Denver will be temporarily unavailable. Additionally, the 5:45 a.m. flight to Los Angeles will be temporarily unavailable.

"We are happy to have the rehabilitation underway," stated Hazel Johns, airport director. "This project not only improves and protects our main runway for years to come, it provides significant economic impact for the region."



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ends June 30, 2018



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